

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1989–S2056

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4009–4022, and S. Res. 577–583. **Pages S2040–41**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 446, commending the Government of Lithuania for its resolve in increasing ties with Taiwan and supporting its firm stance against coercion by the Chinese Communist Party, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 456, expressing support for a free, fair, and peaceful December 4, 2021, election in The Gambia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 3199, to promote peace and democracy in Ethiopia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3491, to establish a commission to reform and modernize the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S.J. Res. 17, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Congratulating the University of Kansas Jayhawks Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 578, commending and congratulating the University of Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball team for winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball National Championship.

Pages S2016–17, S2043

Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 3522, to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian

military invasion, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 5022, in the nature of a substitute.

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Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Park Expansion and Redesignation Act: Senate passed S. 270, to amend the Act entitled “Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes” to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Coons) Amendment No. 5018, in the nature of a substitute.

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Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act: Senate passed H.R. 3113, to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation.

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Countering Human Trafficking Act: Senate passed S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 5019, in the nature of a substitute.

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Big Bertha: Senate agreed to S. Res. 579, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Big Bertha, one of the largest bass drums in use by a university in the United States and located at The University of Texas at Austin.

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World's Largest Drum 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 580, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band's World's Largest Drum.

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National Crime Victims' Rights Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 581, supporting the designation of the week of April 24 through April 30, 2022, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week". **Page S2044**

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 582, designating the week of April 16 through April 24, 2022, as "National Park Week". **Pages S2044–45**

National Safe Digging Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 583, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month. **Page S2045**

House Messages:

William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 400, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building". **Page S2054**

Suspending Energy Imports From Russia Act, and Suspending Normal Trade Relations With Russia and Belarus Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2022, Senate begin the en bloc consideration of H.R. 6968, to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and H.R. 7108, to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus; that Amendment No. 5021 to H.R. 6968 be considered and agreed to; and Amendment No. 5020 to H.R. 7108 be considered and agreed to; and those be the only amendments in order to either bill; and Senate vote on passage of H.R. 7108, as amended, and on H.R. 6968, as amended; without further intervening action or debate. **Pages S2051–52**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the National Emergencies Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring additional steps with respect to the national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation originally declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30)

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Jackson Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be

an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S1989–99, S2000–16, S2017–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of H.R. 6968, to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S2052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2022. **Page S2052**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 130), James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S1999–S2016**

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

Krista Anne Boyd, of Florida, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

Marvin L. Adams, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. **Pages S2034, S2056**

Messages from the House: **Pages S2038–39**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2051**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—130) **Page S1999**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2056.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimate and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and David Palumbo, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine suicide prevention and related behavioral health interventions in the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Karin A. Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office, Richard Mooney, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Services Policy and Oversight, and Michael J. Roark, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations Component, all of the Department of Defense; Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Chris Ford, Stop Soldier Suicide, and P. Murali Doraiswamy, Duke University School of Medicine, both of Durham, North Carolina; Craig J. Bryan, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus; and Beth Zimmer Carter.

INNOVATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's posture for supporting and fostering innovation, after receiving testimony from Heidi Shyu, Under Secretary for Research and Engineering; Stefanie Tompkins, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Michael Brown, Director, Defense Innovation Unit, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ventris C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Director of the Mint, and Paul M. Rosen, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, both of the Department of the Treasury, after

the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine advancing public transportation in small cities and rural places under the bipartisan infrastructure law, including S. 267, to increase the Federal share of operating costs for certain projects that receive grants under the Formula Grants to Rural Areas Program of the Federal Transit Administration, and S. 2365, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the Government share of the cost of certain planning activities, after receiving testimony from Ryan Daniel, St. Cloud Metro Bus, St. Cloud, Minnesota; Scott Bogren, Community Transportation Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beth Pritchard Geer, Robert P. Klein, both of Tennessee, and L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, all of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty Doc.115–3), agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the instrument as contemplated